

TOWN OF NORTH SMITHFIELD HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Minutes of April 16, 2012

A meeting of the North Smithfield Historic District Commission was held on

Monday, April 16, 2012

in the Greenwood Room at 6:30 PM

at the North Smithfield Public Library, 20 Main Street, Slatersville, RI

Call to order: 6:37 pm

Members Present: Daniel Couture, Jeffrey Harris, Linda Frye, Elizabeth Martin, Jeffrey Fontaine

Members Absent: Louise Belisle, Gwen Cunningham

Guests: Rick Macksoud

Materials Distributed: Agenda, Minutes, Preservation Brief (19).

Approval of Minutes from February 22 & March 19, 2012 Meetings

Approval for the minutes from the February 22 & March 19, 2012 meetings was unanimously approved.

Applications

- A. No applications to review at this time.

Communications

- A. As part of the Commission's continued 'Education Series', Jeff H. submitted to members a copy of Preservation Brief (19): The Repair & Replacement of Historic Wooden Shingle Roofs, by Sharon C. Park, AIA, for the U.S. Department of the Interior. (see attached copy)
- B. Jeff H. informed the members of the upcoming 27th Annual Rhode Island Statewide Historic Preservation Conference "Heritage in America's Great Outdoors," to be held in Woonsocket and the Blackstone River Valley on Saturday, April 21, 2012.
- C. Jeff H. introduced Appendix item A: map of Slatersville Historic District for the Rules and Regulations document. The document presented was partially complete, and will be resubmitted at a later date pending further completion.

Old Business

- A. Jeff F. presented a revised copy of the standardized informational letter to present to Real Estate agents and/or their respective companies. Liz M. proposed language at the beginning of the letter to address the citation from the 'Seller's Disclosure' form relating to Historic Properties. Pending the requested changes, some minor misspellings, and formatting corrections, the letter was approved by the Commission for distribution.

Motion: Jeffrey Fontaine

Seconded: Daniel Couture

All in favor

Opposed:

None

New Business

- A. Jeff H. re-introduced a revised application for a Certificate of Appropriateness including a form for recording a List of Abutters and a standard notification letter for Abutters. This item was tabled to next meeting pending further review and to allow for the absent members to present questions, concerns &/or comments.
- B. Subcommittee Report: Union Village Historic District Research Committee
 - 1. Dan C. briefly described his research at the Building Inspector's office. He reviewed the remaining properties that are partially within the existing historic district boundary (color-coded 'yellow' on the revised map of Union Village Historic District) and recorded concise notes on each one. That concludes the research for the color-coded 'yellow' properties. All of the properties that *are* within the existing historic district boundary (color-coded 'green' on the revised map of Union Village Historic District) are remaining to review. Update to be continued at next meeting.

Meeting Adjourned

The meeting was called to a close at 7:57 p.m.

Motion: Jeffrey Fontaine

Seconded: Daniel Couture

All in favor

Opposed:

None

Next Meeting:

Monday, May 14, 2012